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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Dugal Simon Stewart JAMES  
Serial No.: 10/554,182  
For: A FIXATION DEVICE AND METHOD OF FIXATION  
Filed: July 17, 2006  
Examiner: Jay R. Sigler  
Art Unit: 3733  
Confirmation No.: 7819  
Customer No.: 27,623

Attorney Docket No.: 653.0023USU

**Mail Stop Amendment  
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

Dear Sir:

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

We are enclosing an Amendment in response to the communication dated June 10, 2008 in the above-identified application.

Petition for extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.137 is hereby made if, and to the extent, required. The fee for this extension of time is calculated to be **\$490.00** to extend the time for filing this response until **November 10, 2008**.

The fee for any change in number of claims has been calculated as shown below.

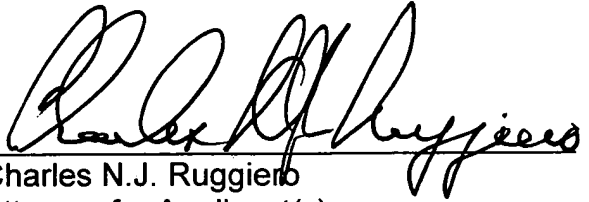
CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	
Total Claims	11	Minus	20	0	x \$52.00	\$
Independent Claims	2	Minus	3	0	x \$220.00	\$
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE				x \$390.00 = \$		
TOTAL FEE FOR CLAIM CHANGES				\$0.00		
1/2 FILING FEE FOR SMALL ENTITY				\$N/A		

The total fee for this amendment, including claim changes and any extension of time is calculated to be \$ 490.00 .

X A check in the amount of \$ 490.00 is attached.

X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required with this communication or during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to **Deposit Account No. 01-0467**.

November 10, 2008  
Date

  
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**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO: MAIL STOP AMENDMENT, COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, P.O. BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450, ON November 10, 2008 .

November 10, 2008  
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DATE